

Application Serial No. 09/935,215
Attorney's Docket No.:06618-881001

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Initially, the Examiner is thanked for the careful consideration of the details of the specification. Each of the informalities noted by the Examiner have been corrected. The undersigned has also reviewed the specification as requested by the official action. Each of these noted informalities has been corrected. The typographical errors noted by the action have also been corrected. A new abstract is also submitted.

The objections that the figures do not show the reference designation "f" is respectfully traversed. This section is not about the designation f, but is rather about the "f stop" defined by the apertures and other optical characteristics. The f stop is an inherent parameter, and need not be labeled in the drawings. However, the examiner's point about F versus f is well taken, and this has been corrected throughout the specification. In the specification, however, the term "f stop" is used, as well as the focal length f.

The drawings and specification inconsistencies have been addressed. In addition, figures 1A through 1C have been labeled as prior art.

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Numerous claims stand rejected for double patenting issues based on US patent number 6,278,847, in view of Just et al. Since a terminal disclaimer will apparently have no effect on patent term, applicants herewith file a terminal disclaimer in order to obviate this rejection.

A notice on the merits is requested.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

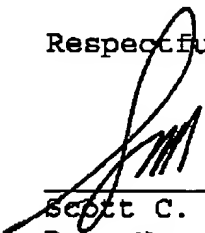
Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby requests that the period for response to the action dated August 26, 2004 be extended for two months to and including January 26, 2005.

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Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. Please apply
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Respectfully submitted,

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